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TAGS: ETRD, GATT, ESCAP

SUBJECT: GATT: BANGKOK AGREEMENT

REF: 75 GENEVA 9381 (NOTAL), 75 STATE 264668 (NOTAL)

1. PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION OF BANGKOK AGREEMENT INDICATES

THAT IT ESTABLISHES PREFERENTIAL TRADING RELATIONSHIP INCOMPATIBLE WITH GATT. IN QUESTIONS AND REPLIES ON AGREEMENT (L/4529), PARTIES SPURN ARTICLE XXIV FIG LEAF AND ATTEMPT TO JUSTIFY ARRANGEMENT UNDER PART IV ALONE; AS THIS DEGREE OF NUDITY IS UNACCEPTABLE UNDER EVEN WASHINGTON COMMUNITY STANDARDS, WE MUST DEVISE STRATEGY FOR HANDLING AGREEMENT AT FORTHCOMING GATT WORKING PARTY.

2. WE WOULD PREFER THAT PARTIES ABANDON AGREEMENT BUT RECOGNIZE THAT THIS POSITION WOULD ATTRACT LITTLE SUPPORT IN WP. OUR CHOICE IS THUS BETWEEN (A) ENUNCIATING THIS POSITION IN PERHAPS SPLENDID ISOLATION AND (B) SUPPORTING WAIVER OF LIMITED DURATION IF OUR SUPPORT COULD INDUCE WP TO ISSUE REPORT SUFFICIENTLY CRITICAL OF AGREEMENT THAT ITS PRECEDENTIAL VALUE WOULD BE LIMITED. THIS SECOND SCENARIO ASSUMES, OF COURSE, THAT BANGKOK PARTIES WILL SIT STILL FOR A WAIVER.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: MISSION IS REQUESTED TO DISCUSS THIS PROBLEM WITH SECRETARIAT AND POTENTIALLY SYMPATHETIC DELEGATIONS AND CABLE RECOMMENDATIONS. SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM INFO ADDRESSEES WOULD ALSO BE WELCOME. CHRISTOPHER

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